

# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

PCT

To:		NOTIFICATION CONCERNING INFORMAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE APPLICANT (PCT Rule 66.6)	
DE PENA, Alain IBM FRANCE Direction de la Propriété Intellectuelle F-06610 La Gaude FRANCE		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>IBM</b>  FRANCE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPT  20 DEC. 2004  ACTION <i>Wpts OK</i> </div>	
Applicant's or agent's file reference FR920020033/CB		Date of mailing (day/month/year) 20.12.2004	
International application No. PCT/EP 03/07132		TRANSMITTAL FOR INFORMATION	
Applicant INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION et al.		International filing date (day/month/year) 13.06.2003	

An informal communication took place on 06.12.2004, between the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the applicant / the agent.

A copy of the note on that communication (Form PCT/PEA/428) is herewith transmitted for your information.

Name and mailing address of the international preliminary examining authority:



European Patent Office - P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2  
NL-2280 HV Rijswijk - Pays Bas  
Tel. +31 70 340 - 2040 Tx: 31 651 epo nl  
Fax: +31 70 340 - 3016

Authorized Officer

Schmit-Saioudi, N

Tel. +31 70 340-2448



**Vertrag über die internationale Zusammenarbeit auf dem Gebiet des Patentwesens  
Patent Cooperation Treaty  
Traité de coopération en matière de brevets**

**PCT**

Application No.:

PCT/EP 03/07132

**Note on an informal communication by telephone with the Applicant**

A copy of this note is being sent to the Applicant for information

**Participants**

Applicant: International Business Machines Corporation

Representative: Barnier, C

Examiner(s): de Man, A

**Summary of the communication**

The representative was informed that, due to the passed deadline for the International Preliminary Examination Report, either a negative IPER could be issued directly, or a Written Opinion with a time limit of 1 month could be sent.

The representative inquired about the legal basis for presenting this option, and opted for the direct issue of a negative IPER.



06.12.2004

.....  
Date

de Man, A

.....  
Authorized officer of IPEA